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K4IA/KC4 Navassa-Finale

by Ken W4SMK

After 71 hours of operating and more than 11,000 DX contacts the K4IA/KC4 operators are safely home from a most successful trip. The only hitch in their well laid plans forced them to charter a slower boat, the Miss Jekyll, from Jamaica to Navassa. This cost some valuable lost operating time.

Accompanying the expedition were Tom Patton, PhD, biologist, and Jean Klein, graduate student, from the U. of Fla. The scientists were delighted with discoveries they made on Navassa. Standing by to aid if needed were the crew of the Coast Guard buoy tender Hollyhock, but no serious accidents marred the trip. The only problems were a bit of sea sickness, sore muscles, and painful wounds from the many cactus on the island. Coming back the boys got a few gray hairs when the Miss Jekyll narrowly missed being run down by a big freighter.

BIG SILENT KEY

We are extremely sorry to report the passing of a world famous amateur, Herbert Hoover, Jr., W6ZH. Herb passed on in a Los Angeles Hospital July 9th. Mr. Hoover served as ARRL President and served as the No. 2 man in the State Department from 1954 to 1957 under the late John Foster Dulles.

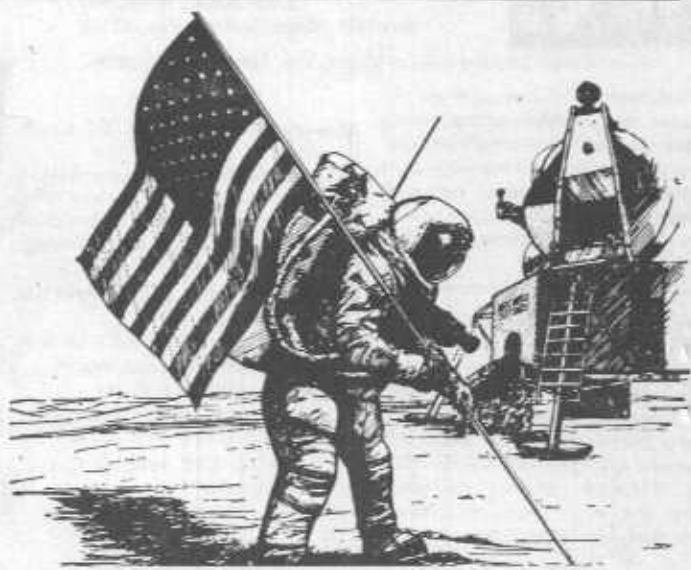
Herb made thousands of friends for amateur radio all over the world. He will be sorely missed by all.

The complete list of ten Navassa operators is in July Skip, and at least two deserve special mention. Ernie K4CAH was chosen expedition leader and did an excellent job. He was also instrumental in obtaining Coast Guard approval for the trip. Ed K4IA lent his call to the group, and also flew to Jamaica in advance to make the necessary arrangements.

Several amateurs did not accompany the expedition, but without their help the journey would have been most difficult, or impossible. Chuck, K4KQ, helped with Pan American Airways arrangements in Miami. Chuck Brydges, W4WXZ, with the American embassy in Jamaica, was invaluable in his aid with legal red tape, boat charter, and supplies. Chuck's embassy associate Jack, WB4BRI, also aided. In Jamaica Lloyd 6Y5LA and several others were most hospitable to the expedition. Dick WA4WIP is the hard working QSL manager and requests a SASE with all cards.

Color slides depict Navassa as very rocky and quite steeply sloped from 80 ft. cliffs at the water to about 400 ft. in the center. A concrete automatic lighthouse dominates the top of the island. Soil is sparse, red clay colored, and nearly impossible to wash off the boys reported. Vegetation is largely cactus and scrubby tropical bushes and trees, including some blooming poinciana. Wild life consists of many small goats, hundreds of birds, and

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WB4KBC/4 - Jesuit ARC, Tampa, 2 rigs 1905 points.

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AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION DURING APOLLO XI LAUNCH

The Space Center Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) of Kennedy Space Center, Florida had their club station WB4ICJ in Operation on July 16, 1969 for an Apollo XI "Special Event".

The club offered a Special Event Certificate commemorating the Apollo XI flight to all amateur radio "hams" in radio contact with any of the club stations operating during the day. Over 1200 stations were contacted during a 10 hour operating period which commenced with the spectacular and successful lift-off of the Saturn V booster from the Kennedy Space Center. In addition to contacts throughout the United States, 80 foreign stations, representing

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Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

Do you remember back in 1957 at the Orlando Hamfest when Florida Skip was just an idea? Well, the idea has been a big success.

My point is this — There are many nets on the air, each with a specific purpose. I thought that it would be much easier on everyone if there were a net that could handle all of this at one sitting. "All" would be Traffic, Trading, Ragchew, County Hunting and etc. Does it sound big? Well, Florida Skip was a mighty big piece to swallow at the time, too. But, with the help of others and their cooperation Florida Skip is the biggest Florida ham magazine today. We, WB4IHI and I have dubbed it

"The St. Pete. 7275 Net". We meet every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. EDT on a freq. of 7.275-5kHz. to allow for the QRM.

The idea behind the net has already been very well accepted, I would appreciate it if you could put this into your fine paper so that other hams could be aware of the net.

Tnx and BCNU on the net.

Sincerely,

James Gagliolo, WB4IME/NCS

5501 - 46 Ave. No.

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Dear Editor:

Your article, "Latest Info Million \$ Suit" in the July issue of Florida

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GUEST EDITORIAL

By W4CII

The evolution of packaging and troubleshooting techniques of electronic equipment has brought about new approaches that the amateur radio operator will have to contend with in the next few years. Current progress is centered on the integrated circuit (IC). Medium scale integration (MSI) and large scale integration (LSI) fabrication methods have reduced skilled circuit analysts to circuit card changers at many field installations where repairable cards are sent to specialists in instrument laboratories or repair stations. This is the case, if the card replacement cost or lack of available replacements necessitates repair.

The amateur will not usually be privileged to own a few expensive circuit cards for replacement of defective ones, or have access to laboratory equipment. Does the big switch gather dust in the OFF position while the card is at the factory or authorized repair facility undergoing checkout and repair? Not likely, but we're going to be in this position with the influx of IC's in ham gear unless designers evolve inexpensive modular construction techniques and standards whereby the circuit elements are replaceable at low unit cost.

The equipment designer must consider several alternatives. Should he package our circuitry in neat little potted plug-in modules; provide printed circuit plug-in cards that are readily repaired; or package and price the complete unit for throw-away upon failure?

It isn't likely that the throw-away concept will be used in anything but shirt-pocket or clothing clip-on apparatus for a few years hence.

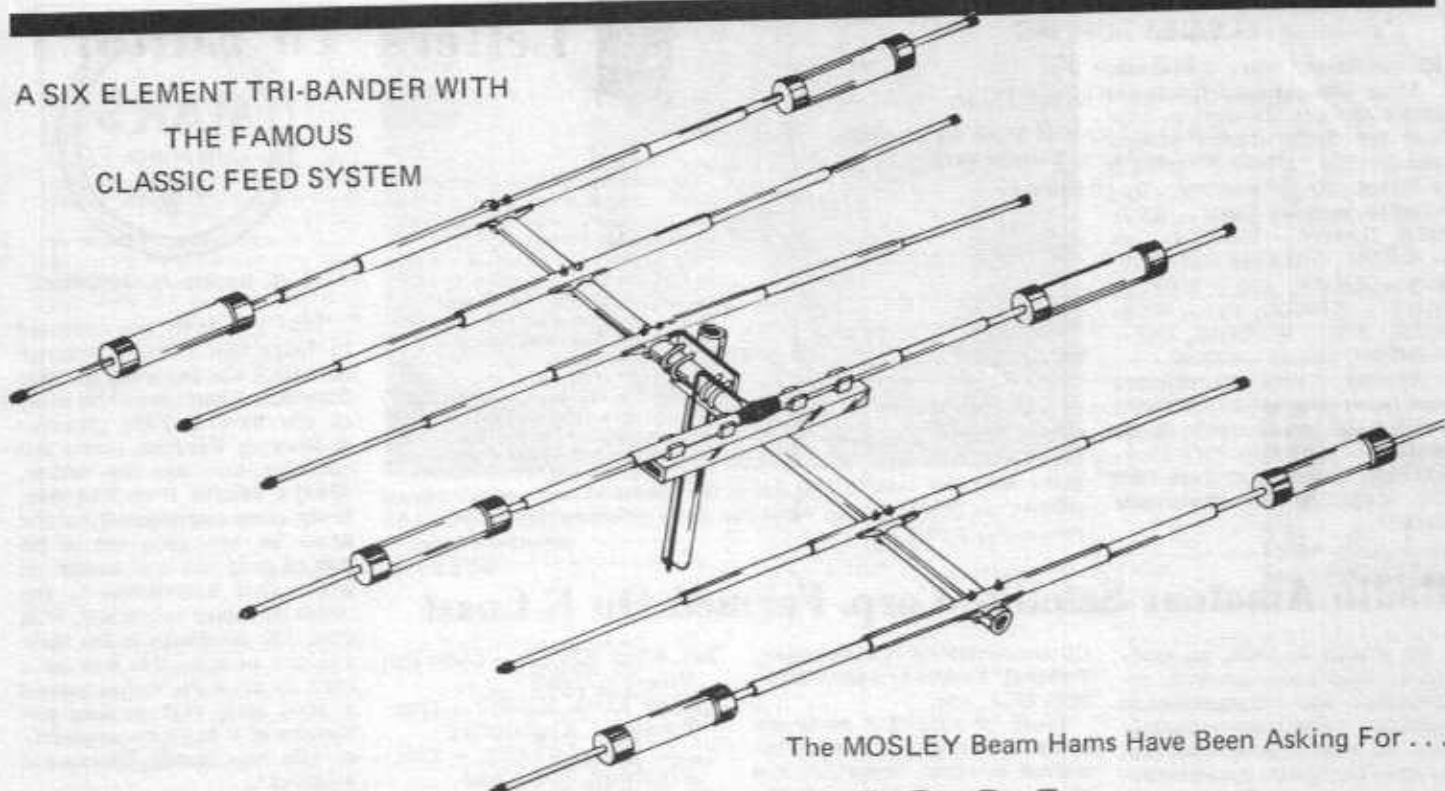
Irrespective of packaging schemes that may evolve, the ham should insist that equipment be designed for practical troubleshooting and repair.

Two major items should be considered when looking at that new piece of gear other than good performance characteristics: 1) Packaging should be such that an amateur radio operator may repair the unit in reasonable time on site, and 2) the equipment instruction manual should contain complete descriptions of circuit theory of operation, and troubleshooting guides outlining proper test points and circuit parameters that may be measured with an oscilloscope and VTVM or fairly sensitive VOM.

With these concepts kept in practice, the amateur radio operator may continue to enjoy factory-built apparatus without having to face the high cost of repairs in specialized facilities. Those of us that acquire equipment with the objective of maintaining it should be persnickety about its design and careful to select that which will minimize station down time. Look beyond the eye appealing gingerbread on control panels and printer's ink extolling qualities and excellence.

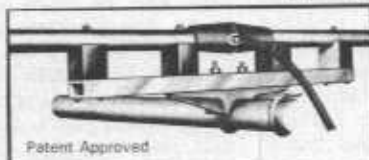
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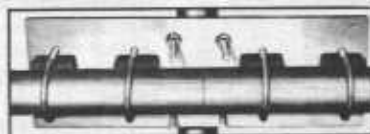
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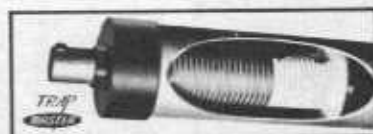
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23 countries, were contacted.

Many stations spent five to six hours in their attempts to contact the Space Center station and terrific "pile-ups" made it a trying day for everyone. Operators include: Herb - WB4-HZB, Howard - WA4ZCB, Gus - W4IQM, Ambrose - W4GHV, Roy - K4DJN, Ace - W4WEU, Mark - WB4IQD, Cal - WN4-KMN, Bill - WA4WBG, Dan - WB4LJG, and Al - W6KQI.

Special Event Certificates are being prepared by W4WEU and K4DJN and should be in the mail soon. See May 1969 Florida Skip Magazine or June 1969 CQ Magazine for certificate details.



BUSY MAKING CONTACTS during the Apollo XI flight were Ambrose W4GHV on 75/40 and Dan WB4LJG, 20/15, operating Space Center ARS club station WB4ICJ. (photo via W4GHV)



J. R. Hopkin Jr., AFC4BND

This month we are saddened to learn that Herman Schenck AFA4IKX has resigned as State Director. I don't know how many of you have had the pleasure of knowing Herman, I have and consider him one fine fellow. Always helpful if he was able, never down on anyone. Time and again he has gone out of the way to help aid and assist all who asked. Sometimes to the material injury to himself. With over 300 members in the State you can imagine this was not a rare occurrence. You've earned a good long rest so take advantage of it to get re-acquainted with your family, friends and neighbors.

We have also learned that Lew Elrod, AFB4KNO has also resigned his post as assistant State Director. This second blow will be hard to recover from. You all know how active Lew has been for us, working hand in hand with Herman in furthering our program these past several years. His leaving will leave another large hole to fill. I am sure you will agree with me they will be hard to replace and sorely missed in their executive positions in the MARS program.

We do have a ray of bright hope for the future, however, in Herman's replacement. He is Roy Pitzer AFB4DEV. Roy has demonstrated his ability in the program by his able handling of the six meter net.

Radio Amateur Satellite Corp. Formed On E. Coast

On March 3, 1969, an east-coast based radio amateur organization was incorporated to build new communication satellites for use by radio amateurs. Named the "Radio Amateur Satellite Corp." (AMSAT), the organization draws its membership from the legion of space and communication experts located in the Washington, D.C. area.

Among AMSAT's members are representatives of such organizations as the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, IBM, Aeronautical Radio Inc., Communications & Systems, NASA Headquarters, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, COMSAT, ARRL Headquarters, U.S. Information Agency, Office of Telecommunication Management, Federal

Communications Commission, Federal Aviation Administration, RCA, etc.

Most of AMSAT's members are radio amateurs already involved in space programs and they represent some of the world's leaders in the design and construction of satellites. The group also has numerous contacts with highlevel officials throughout the government and in the various industrial space laboratories. AMSAT has potential access to a wealth of obsolete space qualified hardware, left over from a number of famous space programs.

MEMBERSHIP IN AMSAT

Until AMSAT holds its first annual organizational meeting this coming November, the following radio amateurs are filling interim positions on the Board of Directors and are acting as the key officers of the organization:

Perry Klein, K3JTE - President

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Dick Mostow, W3YAV - Treasurer

AMSAT invites interested radio amateurs and amateur scientists to participate in its activities. An invitation is also extended to amateur radio clubs and organizations to participate on an affiliated basis. Membership is open both nationally and internationally. Complete membership information can be obtained directly from:

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Ray Murphy W4BNE
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It was my good fortune to participate with the Brandon Amateur Radio Society (WA4 YNM) in the annual A.R.R.L. Field Day set-up at Hurrah, Florida, in the south east corner of Hillsborough County.

When I arrived at 11:30 a.m. I was met by the night crew Dale Ward-WB4LIP, Bill Stevens-WN4MUU, Mark Terrell-WN4MSF and another youngster who had stayed at the location all night to reserve the Hurrah Civic Center Building for FD. These youngsters had erected several of the antennas and made arrangements inside the Civic Center to place the equipment. About 12 noon the Club members started to arrive unloading rigs and equipment to be used on all modes and bands. The ladies and youngsters unloaded the food and all the necessities to spend the weekend. Looked like they planned on staying a week.

Everyone pitched in and started to set-up for the 4 p.m. deadline. All antennas loaded, rigs fired-up and tuned to all bands and modes - 80 - 40 - 20 - 15 - 10 - 6 & 2. The ladies went to work and had food ready for everyone and we all enjoyed eating but never stopping the set-up and installation.

Three emergency generators

were available and running for power. At 4 p.m. everything was switched over to emergency power including lights, cooking facilities, refrigeration and all the rigs. The generators ran for the entire 24 hours with no difficulties.

At 4 p.m. the whistle blew and the 1969 A.R.R.L. Field Day was underway.

B.A.R.S. Club members, other club members and amateurs who participated were: (B.A.R.S. members) Hal Bennett - K4UKE (Pres.), Alma Burton - WA4YNX (Sec.), Gene Burton - WA4UNW, Al Elmore - WA4RGO, Lou Hamilton - K4ASP, Don Myers - WB4MVM, Art Norman - K4AAI (V.P.), Karine Norman - WB4 GZN, Harold Revels - WA4SRQ, Bill Stevens - WN4MUU, Mark Terrell - WN4MSF, Ed Waldrop - WA4SRG, Dale Ward - WB4LIP. Other operators: Ray Murphy - W4BNE (Pres. H.A.R.S.), Ralph Coady - W4BNI, Otto Barcello - WB4GRD, Jim Bingham - W4KRC, Tony Grande - W4SSB, Bob Cole - K4LZW. I hope I haven't left anyone out.

B.A.R.S. is a new club full of vim and vigor. They are to be commended for this exercise and all the projects they have planned.

All in all everyone had a good time and plenty of operating



ATTENDING THE SPARC HAMFEST, May 18th in St. Pete, were the following FLORIDORAS: (standing) W4WPD, WB4FVN, WN4MEA, W4-KZT, K4WXS, W4IUR, WA4YKA and W4GYL. Kneeling: W4BAV, W4-LPR and WB4JJO. (photo via W4BAV)

practice. My hats off to all who participated for a job "Well Done".

Watch for articles of interest on the clubs and activities of this county, we are on the move.

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73,
Ray

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By Ernie K4KIC

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history as either a failure or a success. In our case I would say the latter would fit us as we had a very successful event.

We chose as our site the old blimp base at Richmond Heights which was a natural setting for a simulated emergency operation. As you might know this place was an enormous base that housed many blimps during WWII and burned to the ground during one of our bad hurricanes back in the forties. It was a ghostly looking place with old columns still standing that once supported the roof of the hangar.

We set up in one of the remaining rooms which at one time housed the generators for the base. We had natural supports for our big 20 meter telex beam and TA-33 beam by using these old columns as towers. We had two positions going pretty steady but did lack operators as the wee hours of the morning came around.

We were very grateful for the help given us by the West Miami Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol Cadets under the command of Maj. Jim Lanahan K4ITE a member of our club, without whom it would have been quite a task setting up the antennas.

While we may not have set the world on fire we all had a good time working together. Like every other year in the past we saw our mistakes and hope to correct them next time. So until next time best 73 and see you at the club meeting.

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PLAYGROUND A.R.C.

By Jerry Green K4UBR

The Playground Amateur Radio Club of the Greater Fort Walton Beach area has been reorganized and being rebuilt by its members and recently elected executives who have already outlined a very ambitious club program. K4UBR serves as President, W4SMM as Vice President and W4UXW as Secty/Treas for the coming year.

The first club meeting was held at the meeting room in the old city police station on June 26 and its membership was boosted by 33% with two new members, one the SCM of W. Fla., W4HKK. This boosted the infant club to 8 members. It was agreed during the first meeting that the Playground Club would purchase paint and renovate the meeting facilities paint, remove old furniture, and locate new furniture as soon as possible for the newly decorated facilities.

The Playground Radio Club has retained the original purpose for its existence and that is to provide public service through the use of amateur radio and to promote amateur radio as a hobby through its ability to provide public service.

In support of this purpose the various members of the club will be placed into teams that will respond immediately to emergencies at a pre-arranged location and will assume a definite function within the local emergency plan under the direction of the County E.C. This plan will insure that liaison needs are met and each station is adequately manned to have simultaneous HF point to point communications and VHF intercom for each.

Forthcoming club programs will be aimed at the local hams with programs of interest to all from Novice to Extra, AM'er and FM'er Jr Ops, XL's and XYL's too. The Refreshment committee under the guidance of our chief gourmet, W4YUT, promises unheard of delights from the ovens of several neighborhood YLs.

New member of the Playground Club and a welcome addition indeed is the newly licensed WB4NJW, Howard Hill, who at the age of 75 years young went to Mobile and at first setting brought home a general class license. His was really a tremendous effort and one that many of us youngsters (under 50) can make note of and remember the next time we are bemoaning our situation of having to study for another exam and higher code speed. Welcome to Amateur Radio and the Playground Radio Club.

FLORIDA SIDEBANDERS

Ted Champagne, WB4FLW

The new slate of Florida Sidebanders' Association officers has taken its seats, minus First Vice-President Jim Miles, WA4TWD. Jim was forced

to resign before he took office due to the fact that he expects to be changing QTH shortly and will be off the air for the duration.

It was good to see the letter in Skip from John, WA4QLZ/XV in the Mekong Delta with Uncle Sam's Navy. We all wish John the best for a safe trip back here to W4.

W4FCP is preparing a Sidebanders' yearbook. Kris would appreciate some pictures of, and info about the membership. (Individual members, that is.)

Since this is only my first column and my second week as secretary, I'm not in too much of a position to editorialize. So, I'll just give those who don't know me a brief resume of myself. I was born in New Haven, Conn., seventeen years ago. I have held an Advanced Class ticket since January, 1968, and now also hold a Second Class Commercial 'Phone' license. My operating time is divided about half-and-half between SSB traffic handling on 75 and CW ragchewing on 40 and 20, and my spare time between September and June is spent as a senior at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Ft. Lauderdale.

The Florida Sidebanders' Association, a fraternal organization, invites you to its weekly meetings, Sundays at 2200 GMT on 3940 kHz/kc. 73, Ted, WB4FLW

I.R.A.R.C. NEWS

By S. T. Walker, Sr. W4EWH

The Indian River Amateur Radio Club of Cocoa participated in the annual Field Day. We operated one station on C.W. and the other on SSB. Boy, the twenty meter band was as active. The SSB station stayed on 20 all night. In fact, we all felt so good about it that we stayed on 20 meters all day long too. The beam made a big difference. We had a few difficulties with our power generator but thanks to Norm WB4ERH, we had a backup generator which carried us thru. We operated out of our Civil Defense van at McLarty Park Stadium in Rockledge. We had a casualty due to the long hours and many contacts. Dorsey, WA4RIA who developed laryngitis. We wish to thank Herb Johnson, the Brevard County Civil Defense Director, for the use of the emergency van and generator. We learn from the actual problems encountered by operating under emergency conditions. This is the importance of Field Day and we should be prepared during this hurricane season.

The Brevard County Civil Defense agency prepared for the major influx of visitors during the Apollo XI launch on July 16th. The new Brevard Repeater Association 2 meter FM repeater used for extended coverage thruout Central and North Brevard. The 2 Meter AM CD Net and the "C.B." Net was also activated. I hope to have a full rundown of the activity for the next month's column.

Remember the I.R.A.R.C. Net on 146.502 MHz every Thurs. evening at 2000 EDST.

EGLIN A.R.S.

By Donnie WA4LBM

Hi Gang, just got back from an extended tour of the Far East that all you taxpayers so graciously financed. I want you to know it is good to be back in sunny Florida after a year in the jungles. Needless to say it is extremely good to be back on the air again. If you have lost the thrill in Ham radio you once had, pack your rig away, forget it entirely, and then after a year or so get back on the air. It's almost as thrilling as that very first contact.

Club officers for the next six months were elected at our second monthly meeting in June. Those carrying a hot run-off were Bob W4FDJ, President, yours truly, WA4LBM, President in charge of Vice, Frank "rail-roaded again" Butler, W4RKH, Secretary, and K8WAH, whose handle eludes me at the moment, Activities Manager.

For all of those who know our club station as W4SRX the call sign is now W4NN. The new call originally belonged to a former member and was obtained in memoriam to him. We were quite fortunate as the new license arrived just in time for Field Day. However, between dodging thunderstorms, mosquitoes and such it didn't help our score any.

The club has its Tri-band beam back up and all that remains is to hook the rotor cable up. The big problem is getting someone to climb that swaying eighty-foot telephone pole.

Hope all of you fared well through Field Day and Fla. took all the various classes. That wouldn't be asking too much from the fine operators that this state has.

Remember, when you are mobile wear that seat belt . . . 73.

DADE RADIO CLUB

By Bob WB4JDG

Well, field day is over and we somehow managed to survive it. For some reason Murphy didn't strike bad during our operations. The person who was supposed to pick up the antenna poles overslept, the next day when he got around to it he was unable to get the key to the camp grounds and had to climb the fence. During the meeting the following Tuesday, as we were about to tally our contacts the power went out, refreshments were had by candlelight.

There it not much to report on our station. It may be several months before we are on the air but when we do get on the air we will have quite a few ops. The Jay our membership keeps increasing I might not even get a chance to operate.

S. FLA. FM ASSOCIATION

By Sandy WA4KSD

At the club meeting last month, Pres. Lew Elrod WA4KNO, played back recorded tapes from the FM repeater. You should hear yourself. It was really something. They have also printed a club FM directory. We have over 90 club members.

Jay Smith, W4TQH, hid the transmitter at our last transmitter hunt. What a scoundrel, he has hidden it so many times, but at least he didn't hide



RON STULTZ, WN4NKS, age 10, was the youngest Field Day crew member of the Dade County ARPSC (WB4LRY). Ron and other novices work the Novice bands from FD site at Pace High School, Ops Locks, Fla. See FD scores elsewhere. (SKIP photo)

it in a sewer like he did on a previous hunt. K4HDR, Rob and WA4FFP, Bud were the first to find the hidden transmitter. Second, Ted, K4ANW, 3rd, Don, WA4JBL. I came in next to last with W4YP, Al. I think we would have had more mobiles if it hadn't been Father's Day.

Ted, K4ANW was trying to put 1003 watts and he blew a 60 amp plug fuse. He yelled for help asking if someone had any fuses. He was running all over town trying to find one, which he finally did and he was back on the air.

Cal Barfield, K4GSN, who was very active in helping with the FM repeater, graduated from the U of Miami last month. He left for California with his family on a new job venture.

Don't forget our club meeting the 3rd Monday of every month at the U of M campus in Coral Gables.

See you on the air.

73's, Sandy WA4KSD

B.A.R.S.

By Gene Burton, WA4YNW

The Brandon Amateur Radio Society met July 14th at the First Federal meeting room. There was much discussion of Field Day and the Fourth of July float and ham station which we set up at the Civic Center in Brandon. We picked up quite a lot of traffic for Viet Nam and elsewhere.

Field Day was quite a success. We worked at least 40 states and 6 provinces. The rigs all worked well, and the power supplies purred on and on. About 20 hams participated. A special thanks to TARC and Hars for their help.

Our Ham Camporee is creating a lot of interest among hams who camp. See you August 22, 23, 24 at Royall Park Campground, Riverview, Fla. Already hams have indicated they will be there from as far away as 400 miles. Advance registration is not required (but helpful). Come when you can - leave when you must. About 10:00 a.m. Saturday there will be a tree top antenna demonstration. At 2:00 p.m. we leave for a tour of

narrow roads, nice beaches and where the population is polite, congenial and there is no rush as we have in our daily lives. Now they have won a trip to Nassau; how lucky can you get?

Fla. Amateur Radio Week, proclaimed by Gov. Kirk, resulted in quite a bit of publicity for ham radio. Nice article in Sarasota Herald-Tribune, describing how a business contact, via ham radio to a party intransigent, was responsible for the deal being confirmed and legalized. Picture in Independent of W4JDR - Wm. Rose and W4CCD - W. H. Kibbe passing messages to men to the So. Pole and all over the world.

K4PXY - "Pat" Patterson was recognized with an article in the Independent, telling of his participation on the International Radio Network, when tuna fishing boats were being seized by an Ecuadorian patrol boat off Peru. Pat relayed message to Washington and the State Department.

SUNCOAST ROVING REPORTER

By Cathy Soehl
W4BAV/AREA/ARNS

WB4AIW - "Birch" Birchfield was in the hospital for about 6 days in May. "You can't keep a good man down", so as soon as the doctor let Birch "loose", he and XYL - Jackie took off for a trip to Texas, Missouri, etc. for about 6 weeks. Glad all is O.K. with them and they had a nice trip.

A new ham activity will be "born" when the Brandon Radio Club has their first annual "Ham Camporee" at Royal Park Camp Grounds, Riverview, Fla. (just off Hwy. 301), August 22nd and 23rd. Take your camper, family and join in the planned fun week-end.

WB4ISZ - Jim and XYL, Maude - WN4MEA spent a few weeks in Washington, D.C. visiting their daughter and family.

WB4LTU - Win and XYL - Flo Morris have forsaken their lovely Sarasota QTH to enjoy their summer place at Forked River, N.J.

W4GQ - A. H. "Dave" Davis enjoyed a trip to Central America, spending 3 weeks in an apartment in San Jose; says it is about the size of Florida and the people are VERY democratic. Dave was very much impressed with their governmental operation; attended a session of legislature; they have 52 Deputies, presided over by the President. Believe we could learn a lot about Central America if Dave was given a chance to expand on his enthusiasm.

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BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY'S

FIRST ANNUAL

HAM CAMPOREE

(AUGUST 22 / 23 / 24)

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Camp Store
Tours
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W4RAV - Cathy Soehl enjoyed a telephone chat with K8CMV - Harry Stinchcomb, from Columbus Sta., Ohio, Harry was visiting his son, W4VPF - Harold, Sarasota Fire Chief.

SPACE CENTER AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Ambrose G. Barry, W4GHV/WB4ICJ

On June 10, 1969 the Kennedy Space Center Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) elected officers to serve until June 1970. Elected were: President R. O. "Ace" Goodwin - W4WEU; Vice-President Ambrose G. Barry - W4GHV, and Sec.-Treasurer Evan S. Howell.

During the AHRF Field Day, Dave-K4VTY and Ambrose - W4GHV operated two stations on emergency power at the SCARS shack (Class D). Only operating for 16 hours they made 493 contacts and claimed a total score of 3758 points (including bonus points). Unfortunately the Field Day event came at an inopportune time, just prior to the launch of Apollo XI, and not enough members could be mustered for Class A or continuous 24 hour operation.

The operators had a terrific view of the launch of Bonny the "Astro-monkey" from Cape Kennedy.

The club is making plans for operation during the Apollo XI launch and plans to issue "Special Event Certificates" as in the past. See May FLORIDA SKIP or June CQ magazine for details.

SOUTHERN SECTION COUNTRY COUSINS

The Southern Section of the Country Cousins meets nightly on 3970 KC, at 10 PM EDT. There motto is "service and help to all mankind." There is a different Net Control each night, with an Alternate to back him up. A certificate is available to any one checking in 4 out of 5 same week nights.

WB4DRM - Howard McNeely, 1st V-Pres. and Net Mgr., is doing a good job and has a fine slate of N.C. and Alternates working. Project Mgr., W4GHR - Bill Soehl, appointed Howard Chairman of the "Tone Comparator" project. Besides all this, Howard often serves as Chaplain when WA4YRU - Chet Plank is net available.

K4YPL - Ray Hadaway, Pres. and Mon. N.C., was having rig and antenna trouble, so has not been heard for several weeks. However, WB4GHD - Joan Carlson, Alternate, is doing a fine job running the Net. Perhaps Ray and XYL, Glyndell are on a vacation, as no answer to several phone calls.

WB4EZF - Bob Crowder, Tues.

N.C., returned home from vacationing in St. Louis, Mo., with an ear infection. You have been missed, Bob, though WA4YVH - Roy Barnes does a fine job as your Alternate.

WB4CBP - Ted Wayne and family, including Cocoa (dog) are off for a trip to California with their "Trade Winds" trailer. Listen for Ted as he is mobiling.

The "Cousins" were shocked to learn of the sudden passing of W4RLQ - Bob Buyea. He checked into the Net at 10 PM, July 14th, and suffered a fatal heart attack later that night. Our heartfelt sympathy to his XYL.

W4KNR - Ray Beckwith is another "Cousin" who has recently joined the Silent Keys, and is greatly missed. W4WGR - Warren Brookins coming along OK since having an emergency appendicitis operation.

73, W4RAV

B.A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson W4GDX

"Isn't it nice to have an airconditioned meeting place", is the frequently heard comment by Club members these warm days. Meeting in a court room at the Broward County Courthouse in Ft. Lauderdale, the meeting place is fairly central for all in the County, and comfortable.

It appears, however, that our August meeting will be held as a Club picnic in War Memorial (Holiday) Park, Ft. Lauderdale just East of Federal Highway and South of Sunrise Blvd. These are lots of fun and let us get better acquainted with other hams in the area. All are invited.

Club President Zane McCreary WA4KXI reports that for Field Day we had two rigs going but did not erect a beam. The gals cooked chow to keep the operators happy. Total score is not available, but as usual the gang had a good time.

Ted Champagne WB4FLW was elected as a club director to fill a vacancy on the Executive Board.

It is interesting that in answer to a questionnaire sent to us recently with our meeting notices - six Advanced Class and one General Class licensees said they were not interested in working toward a higher class license. Twenty-two others asked for classes so they could advance.

Until further notice, B.A.R.C. meetings will be held at Broward County Courthouse at 7:30 PM the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If decided upon - the Club Picnic in August would be an exception. We'd be glad to have you join us.

FLA. VHF SIDEBANDERS

By R. D. Raiston - K4LFF

Another month gone by, and finally got confirmation from ZF1DT which brings my total DX to 23 countries confirmed on 6 meters.

In visiting several of the hams in Savannah last month, I found that most of them were using low power and only one with much of an antenna system. Lets work on those antennas, and let people know you are around.

My 2 meter rig ready to go, but am in the need of about 200 feet of real good 50 ohm coax. Don't know just how much of the 5 watts are going to get up the 185 feet, but I sure hope to find out soon.

As there was no mail at all last month with news for the column, this will be a little short. Maybe someone

will get the news to me for next time.

Keep those letters coming in and also keep those rigs turned on and use them. You can't make contacts just being a SWL.

FORT MYERS CLUB

By Ken W4SMK

Plans for the Field Day occupied most of the time at the last club meeting. The location of W4LX/4 was at the HEX Ranch east of Page Field Airport. Only one station on SSB was operated this year since most of the CW men were not back from the Navassa expedition. Even so the turn out of phone operators was a little sparse. However we came through with a final score of 3,606 points which is not too bad. Thanks to all who turned out to help.

Speaking of Navassa we had a sneak preview of some fine color slides and black and white photos the boys took down there. They are very interesting, and will be shown to the club at a later date. See the Navassa story elsewhere in Skip.

W4LNE/MM is on his way back from the Indian Ocean and is still holding schedules with W4KET.

The gang who operated ZF1EP at Cayman made a winning score in the CQ World Wide DX Contest. They are also to receive a special award. From Ft. Myers K4IA, K4CAH, and W4PJG went down this year. Congratulations fellows.

WA4LBM, Don is engaged to be married if the Air Force doesn't cross him up and ship him to Germany. Don just got back from Thailand and says he would like to stay in Fla.

We were saddened by the death of our neighbor Dave Traer, W4AZK down in Naples. Dave had written many good articles about quad antennas, and was an avid DX'er and CW man. A nomination for the meanest thief in Fla. is the guy who broke into Dave's shop after the funeral and took some of the equipment. He has been caught we understand.

73, Ken

FLORIDORA NEWS

By Alma Burton WA4YNX

K4RHL Ellie was happy to finally get her long needed Kentucky contact for WAS-YL, and it was a pleasure to make it with W4EHN, mobile, Betty, who was on her way to Wisconsin for the summer. Ellie also enjoyed a little hamfest when she entertained K4JGU Mildred, OM, W4CRU Phil, W4QBY Dorothea, OM Arthur, WB4BHW Marcella and OM WB4BHV Roy. WB4LRQ Timmy McCraw, from Mountain Home, N.C., who came down with K4FRT Ray and XYL Angie Mote, visited Ellie. Timmy's OM WB4LTI could not make it as he has another job since retiring from the Service.

K4WXS Lee and OM Charlie Kanarian celebrated their 25th anniversary June 23rd. Congratulations, Folks, may you have many more. W4WPD Shirley and OM W4UFR Earl enjoyed a beautiful flight to the Virgin Islands June 15th, where they spent a week with son Russell on St. Thomas.

WB4FHD Joan Carlson, who is blind, is doing a wonderful job as Alternate Net Control on the Southern Section of Country Cousins on Monday nights.

K4RNS Marge Campbell has moved into her new little home on 65 N. Arbon Drive, Ormond Beach, Fla. 32074. Trust she will have equipment moved and antennas up; in the meantime she is mobile.

W4EMV 4 Kayla, congratulations on your marriage to W4MWX Col. "Doc" Hale and welcome to Florida and the Floridors. Kayla and "Doc" spent a few weeks in Port Salerno, but returned to their N.H. QTH for the summer. Looking forward to seeing and hearing more of them when they return in November.

Heartfelt sympathy to W4TDK in the passing of her mother.

WESTERN FLORIDA NEWS

Frank M. Butler, Jr. W4RKH

Newly licensed hams include WB4NEU, WB4NJW and WN4NRM of Fort Walton Beach, and WB4NBM, WN4NBO and WB4NEQ of Panama City. Clubs at Pensacola, NAS Corry Field, Eglin AFB, and Panama City were out for Field Day, using calls W4UC, WA4ECY, W4NN and W4JJ. The P.C. club had top claimed score with 1900 QSO's!

Pensacola: VE3FRE/W4 was transferred by the Navy, but hopes to return permanently in the near future.

Fort Walton: The Eglin ARS, formerly W4SRX, was assigned the memorial call W4NN, originally held by Ray Atkinson, a former member. The thunderstorm season is here; WB4CFQ, W4SGG and K4KHV all suffered lightning damage.

The NW Fla. FM Assn., as a club project, built a portable FM repeater and demonstrated it at the Mobile, Ala. hamfest. It included a scale model of the area built by W4ZGS. Another project was the erection of highway signs giving the local monitored frequencies.

Panama City: K4VFF renewed his ORS and OPS appointments. Chipley: WA4SRR was appointed County Civil Defense Director, with W4KIB Deputy Director and W4LXK RACES RO.

GULFSTREAM SOCIETY OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, INC.

By Al Suhr, WB4AID

I do hope that you will excuse me from the task of writing a "heavy" article for this issue. There are many things to which my attention must be directed, and time is at a premium.

In the first place we must pay our respects to those members of the Society who turned out for the Field Day and made it another success. While the logs are still being tabulated, there is every reason to believe that there will be a score this year, better than that experienced last Field Day. The Society Hams who actively participated were W4JBZ, WB4AKH, WA4TBN, W4OCM, W4LFG, and WB4KZU. Larry Nurmi and Marshall Bishop were present to attend the logs. Unfortunately WB4AID was ordered to a weekend of no activity by the doctor and missed out on the fun - and work.

The Education Committee, Jim Johnson, Chairman, announced a course for Extra Class, open to members. This will be quite interesting as it will be the first time the So-

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ciety will use the ARRL library of teaching aids. Jim will do the instructing.

Also announced, is a license class open to the public which began on July 14th. Since Jim Johnson cannot make Monday nights, the other part of the Committee will take over. WB4AD will teach the code and help WB4AKH in his primary effort theorizing radio to the aspirant hams. Here again, there will be extensive use made of the ARRL library.

We are delighted to see WB4EGU, home from the U.S. Army as BIG BROTHER CIVILIAN. He is most anxious to assist WB4AKH with the FM Facility.

Summer is here, vacations are causing absences at the meetings, this is usual - guess I had better plan my vacation. Ho Hum.

FIVE FLAGS AMATEUR RADIO ASSN. INC.

By Lou Goldstein, K4LAN

Now that Field Day is over the Assn. and its members can hopefully return to normal. The Field Day was a success with an unofficial count of over 8000 points. This is better than last year and can be attributed to the efforts of every member who was there working for a winning score. Thanks must go to Fletcher Blalock whose truck saved the event from being a wet close-out. The rigs were set up in tents and were running fine when the FEA called and notified us of 50 knot winds and much rain. The call was well heeded and the rigs were moved into the covered truck and the operation continued hot and heavy until time to stop. Thanks to Carl Nelson - WB4DHL, Bill Craft, and Gene Rhodes, WB4JCV who were on the 80 foot tower to put the Tri-Band beam in operation and string the 40 and 80 meter antennas. We cannot forget Jim Lewis - K4CFS who spent the morning in the 90 degree heat running around in that truck gathering up the stuff to make the Field Day complete. All in all each member should feel like it was a job well done and hope we made an impressive score.

At one of the last meetings it was suggested we extend the meeting to every Thursday. This odd meeting day would be spent in just having a gab session about radio, the club, and whatever the topic of discussion may be. This time could be spent in construction projects to get the club station - W4UC - on the air with a good homebrew rig. Ideas on topics for discussion or construction projects that would be of interest to the members are also welcome. The President suggested this would be a good time to fix up the radio house and move the radio equipment from the main Red Cross building into the house. The first meeting in the month will head the business meeting and the next will be gab session, etc. etc.

Now that summer is here in full swing it is a good time to plan outdoor gatherings for the members. The Ft. Walton gang is having their outing on July 27th, and it is hoped that a gang from Pensacola will turn out.

Before I close I would like to express thanks to the EC of Escambia County, Sam Mayfield - WA4WAR - it was his 30 hp generator that kept the station on the air for Field Day.

Next meeting July 17 and 31. Gab sessions on July 10 and 24th., Red Cross Bld. 7:30.

73, Lou Goldstein - K4LAN

D.C.A.R.P.S.C.

By John Aikens - WN4KQH

The Corp recently became affiliated with the A.R.R.L., and has ordered films and film strips. At Pace High, we have a projector at our disposal.

Mr. Murphy didn't visit the Corp's Field Day set up. This year we had a great time, with eight stations in operation. Thanks to WA4TWD, for gaining the use of an Army generator, and also to WA4RHB, for obtaining another generator. All told Field Day at Pace High was a good preparation for an emergency and a lot of fun.

Congratulations to Ronald Stultz, the Corp's Youngest member upon receiving his novice license. His call is WN4NKS and is ten years old!

The Corp has decided to purchase an all band vertical antenna for the station WB4LHY. This will probably be the 4-BTV or one similar to it. Hopefully the station will be on the air soon.

Plans are being made for a combination swap-fest, and a social get together in September. See the next issue for the details.

GOOD OLD DAYS BEST?

How many times do you hear a Ham identify by saying "W4-XXX, W4ZZZ?" Now, when the boys at Powder Springs hear this, they undoubtedly cringe. The regulations say that there are only two ways to I.D. One is to say "W4XXX this is W4ZZZ"; The other is to say "W4XXX from W4ZZZ." No other form is legal. Considering how prevalent this habit is, one can only assume that this is one more bit of evidence that the fellows at Powder Springs are superhuman, for they must be extremely for giving, and "To Err is human, but to forgive is Divine."

The new Regulations have some good features (Bet that surprises opponents of incentive licensing). For one thing, it's legal now that if you're Mobile, you have to say "This is WB4AA mobile Four." Before you had to say "This is WB4AAA, mobile fifteen and three-quarter miles west of Frogtown, and Seven and Four-tenths miles South of Skunk Hollow, Georgia." by which time you had already passed through Frogtown, and were halfway to Memphis. Besides, imagine the fun you had keeping a log (legal log, that is) in a large, long roundtable. Who says the Good Old Days were best?

(W4KRA-The Atlanta Ham)



HERE IS THE FIRST Novice auto license tag in Florida issued to WN4LLD of West Palm Beach, Florida. Under 2 year extensions, novices are now able to get them. (photo by W4BRB)



Kris Krysiak
A4FCP

Well, it looks like we are off to a good start for the next year with the Florida two district of the Army MARS program. The following is the organization list effective 1 July 1969 to 30 June 1970. District Director is AA4GUE Ken, Asst. Director is A4DRD Dick, who will also fill in as NCS Administrator. Participation and membership is the job of AD4ESL June. Phone procedure officer is AA4JJZ Bob, CW Procedure officer is A4WHF Larry. Public Relations is A4FCP Kris. Supply Officers are AA4GUE Ken for the west coast, with AA4KKZ as the east coast man. They would appreciate your help in the coming year as you are are the members of a great team.

We are sorry to report that Joe AD4TZI had to give up this job of P.R. due to ill health.

At this writing we have learned that A4EY Ed, who was our last director had to take his son to the hospital. He is at present in intensive care. Ed does not want any phone calls at the present time. All our prayers are with you, Ed, in this time of trouble.

It may be wise to remind all members to be sure and keep

It's especially hard to work for money you've already spent for something you don't need.

A long time ago, the good old days were called these trying times.

If you see a fellow without a smile, give him one of yours.

Those who claim the country is on a solid foundation may mean we're on the rocks.

Nothing can replace the modern swimsuit - and it practically has.

your gear and generators in top shape. As we are now in the hurricane season and never do know when we will be called upon to activate the net in emergency session. Let's not be caught short.

With this daylight time on us and putting the nets into an earlier time the band conditions are not the best. Still the ncs' keep the nets going. As the training that they get pays off in times like this. Keep up the good work, as you set an example for the future ncs stations to follow.

The two meter net is going great guns in the district, even though in this part of the state we do have a problem of not only one repeater station but three of them. You ought to try and make heads and tails of that ... Wow.

A reminder to all Fla. two Army MARS members ... this is your district, so keep us posted on news.

See you next month.

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FLA. MIDDAY TRAFFIC NET

By Herb, W4LSR

As Ron, W4YYPX expressed it in July SKIP, East Florida is SCM-less. We can expect AHRL to request nominations from Clubs, Nets and other groups very soon. Let's give it some serious thought.

Many of our June vacationers headed for the hills this year, including Fred, W4ZF and Dick, K4LEC. The Ga N.C. state line must be strung with temporary inverted V's. Others are motoring, including Charlie, K4DER and Ted, WB4CBP whose departure has been delayed but whose intention is good.

Claude, K4BUM, Mack, W4DVR and Jim, W4TDK have all gone and returned from their motoring vacations. Also Jim, W4KRC and his daughter who visited his three sons in three different locations. And then there is L.J., WA4SCK who is simply taking a vacation from Ham Radio. Maybe he's got something there.

We are glad to hear that Don, WB4KU7, is home from the hospital, and checking into the net. And we welcome our new member for June, David, WB4GPX of Altamonte Springs.

The many rag chewers who use 7230 KHz as their calling frequency will be relieved (and perhaps they will be puzzled) by the absence of the FMTN on that frequency starting July first. It will be interesting to hear the reaction on and around 7255 KHz when we make the move.

FMTN had 25 sessions in June. 626 stations handled 322 messages for an average QNI of 25 and an average QTC of 12.9.

FLAMINGO NET

By Bob WB4JDG

I've heard that the 10 meter band has been dead, if this is so we have had quite a few ghosts checking in on short skip. I for one have finally confirmed Georgia for 10 meter WA5.

The leader of the flock, the big bird himself flew (by car) to Ohio where he checked into the net directly and was heard by many of us birds in the sunny south.

We have had a couple of transmitter hunts, in the last one Jeff was the hidden transmitter and boy was he hidden. Instead of parking the car and operating out of the car, he took the transmitter out of the car and hid it behind a building using a decent groundplane antenna and ac for power. Although the turnout for the hunt wasn't large due to vacation time, those who did take part all managed to find the transmitter at the same time, a good time was had by all.

It is with sadness that I turn now to report the passing of a member and a friend, Bob Buyea W4HLQ. Bob was well liked by all and we will all miss him.

So with that sad note I close this column.

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GATOR NET

Rij W4EHW Assistant Net Mgr

Conditions were generally good. For only one session was it necessary to QSY to 3651KHz to finish the net business. Little Gator Net has one distinction: It is tops in the nation of QTC to QNI. In May 1.27 and in June 0.7. The Net has been honored to have SCM Ron W4YYPX report in with his good fist and signal.

Regis W4ILE reports a splendid vacation camping trip to the Great Smokies with his wife and three of his children, plus the cheering news that he just might resume the publishing business if the where-with-all comes along.

Net Manager Tom K4COO and his wife will spend July with their son in Havelock N.C. Birch WB4AIW is back on the job as NCS and liaison station. While on vacation in Texas, he visited his birthplace where he was born older, by three minutes, than a twin sister.

Something to live for! That book about his pioneer experiences LJ is working on, ie, working on after tending his duties as communications director for the Civilian Defence; looking after his friends such as an old FAA pal K4AGU who is seriously ill in the hospital; serving as liaison for most of our nets; maintaining a lovely home; making BPLs et cetera.

Cy W4DVO and Don WB4JHW have been a big help on week-ends. They will be NCS for Saturday and Sunday respectively.

QFN REPORT



By Dan Franklin K4EHY

QFN for June was very hard on the ears, what with all the QRM on 80 and the South American QRM on 40. Skeds were very hard with half the world on vacation and the other half getting ready to go. June: QTC 265, QNI: 323, QNF 1042 average 4 msgs, 5 stations, 17 mins, with all NCS reporting this month, (60 sessions).

QFN holds the early session on 40 meters during daylight time, on 7095 at 1830EDT and on 3651 at 2200 EDT every day. Needed are new stations, and especially liaison stations to the fourth and fifth regional nets of the National Traffic System. They hold their early sessions on 40 meters too, so that most any station can participate.

New stations: WB4KWZ, Ed Tally, W4JDG Bill Tally (an old old mem-

ber), WB4HJV, Lester, Ft. Myers, WA4GPX, David, Orlando. K4FMA is finally back on the air and sex he will QNI.

WA4KHM, Bill, PNS, is leaving this fall, (lost the note that said where), we are very sorry to lose Bill's fine operating. W4NN is new call of Eglin AFB Club. Vacationers include K4GJ, W4LJK, and WA4SCK in August. WA4YAK has rig troubles and is off the air temporarily. Fred is working hard on his rig though. WB4MCM/R2 is WB4AJV, Carlo's call sign when checking in from his ship. Less QRM when he gets away from Cuba! W4DVO is retiring and should be able to get on the net more often now that he doesn't have to get down to the office every day at 9. WB4FLW was elected to the Board of the Broward Club, that should take some time from his QFN QNI. K4VYF after a scorching 24 hours of FD, is NCSing RN5 Mondays, and RN4 REP on Thursday.

AHL 7 News and comments on this column if anyone finds it interesting.

73 BT . . . Dan K4EHY .. AR .. N

TROPICAL PHONE NET

By Ken W4SMK

The Tropical Net has a new manager effective in July. Ted, WB4FLW, in Pompano Beach will be running the show, and asks for the cooperation of all net members. Ted is a young man with plenty of ambition, who just recently got a commercial ticket, so we are sure he will be doing a good job. Thanks to our old manager, Rich, WB4EPD who did a fine job this past year.

One problem these days is making sure there is an NCS on the frequency at net time. We realize that some problems such as family disasters, thunder storms, etc. do arise, but please try to advise the Net Manager, or some other NCS in advance if possible. If you fail to show up for NCS with no warning it can be just as inconvenient for whoever takes your place as it may have been for you to be present. If you find it impossible to continue as NCS please let the manager know so he can find a replacement.

We hear that Bob, W4GDY, has moved up North and we wish him luck at the new QTH.

WB4ICD, Oliver, fills a gap in the roll call by representing Orlando on TPTN. Glad to have you aboard.

WA4LBM, Don, from Ft. Myers who is in the Air Force up at Eglin AFB checks in from W4NN (formerly W4SRX). Don just got back from Thailand, and now has orders for Germany, but is trying to stay in Fla. if he can.

W4NGR/4 is operating from the Broken Arrow Boy Scout Camp these days and has a good signal.

Congratulations to George, WA4-NBE who was elected as manager of the Fast Net. Well done to Jim, WA4TWD who is the former manager of that net.

Walt, W4PWB, in St. Pete is another addition to the roll.

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TRAFFIC HOUNDS

NET	QNI	AVG. QNI	QTC	AVG. QTC	SESSIONS
FMTN	626	25	322	12.9	25
TPTN	528	21	110	4.4	25
QFN	323	5.3	265	4.3	61
GATOR	167	5.57	117	3.9	30
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By -Jim Wilson
N0WCK, W4GDK

Several important changes were decided upon at the 6th Naval District MARS conference held at Knoxville, Tenn. late in May.

1. To avoid delay in getting new applicants onto Navmars nets, each new application will be checked at once by Chief Navmars office in Va. for validity. If all is in order a MARS call will be assigned immediately. Then notification of this will go at once to the applicant, to his Area Coordinator and to the Dist. Director. As soon as possible thereafter instructional material will be sent to him. This will be a welcome improvement in procedure.

2. Some R & R messages come from overseas with only Routine precedence on them. Often they are critically important as to time, or funds needed. Often the wife is given only a day or so to meet the serviceman in Hawaii. We were told to make such traffic Priority and any reply should be on the same basis.

Many Navy/Marine Corps MARS members are slipping away on vacations and we wish them all well. We do miss them, though, and many NCS substitutions must be made.

In So. Fla. N0ITK Bill Rowe in Clearwater is running a nightly RTTY schedule with N0ICE in the Antarctic and is passing lots of traffic between the men down there and their families back here.

The South Florida traffic net on 4015 khz at 2200 is steadily growing.

N.W. Fla. - N0JJB and N0EWT continue to represent their area on the District Net.

N.E. Fla. - N0ZTC, YJG and FVQ are faithful traffic reps.

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Fla. Public Service Corps

By Ken W4SMK

This is an old column with a new title which will be appearing regularly in Skip. As most of you know I have taken the job of Assistant SEC of East Fla., which was formerly handled so well by Tom, W4FP. Your help, cooperation, and suggestions for this column, and for the Fla. ARPSC are welcomed.

These articles are not meant to be exclusively about East Fla. affairs. In future columns we will welcome guest participation by the West Fla. SEC and EC's. The ARPSC is composed of both the local level AREC members and the NTS. Therefore we will talk some about regular nets and traffic, as well as emergency communications. If the NTS doesn't function well with no emergency it certainly will not during an emergency.

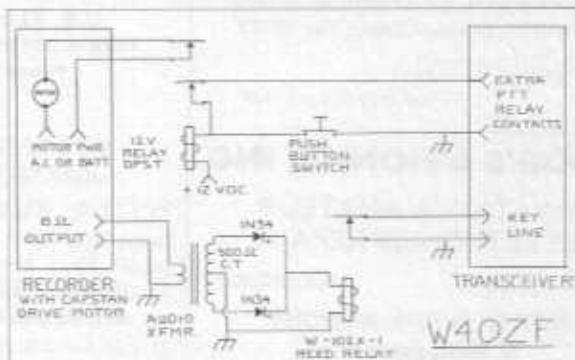
ARPSC cooperates, where possible, with RACES, Red Cross, MARS, the WX Bureau, and many other organizations needing communications.

Fla. has been missed by the big winds for several years now, but don't get caught with your generator out of order. Also listen to the radio and TV news, and especially to your Fla. amateur nets to keep informed about the weather or other potential emergency situation. An announcement will be made later concerning a Fla. Emergency Coordinator net for liaison between the EC's and the SEC's.

East Fla. EC's send your July reports on form 5 to W4SMK via radiogram or mail. Let's keep Fla. on top in the ARPSC. Congratulations on a great job in the SET 69.



"CQ THE FAST NET, this is WA4TWD, net manager all station please zero beat" — says Jim Miles of Opa Locka. Jim is also active in the Dade County ARPSC, Information Center for Dade Co. and most traffic nets. (SKIP photo)



AUTOMATIC CQ'er
By Bob Patten, W4OZF*

Here is a way to utilize that tape recorder for contest use with a rig using VOX for SSB or CW semi-breakin. The relay and push button switch are mounted in the rig and only two wires are needed to control the tape recorder. Operation is as follows:

The tape recorder is put in the play mode but the relay contacts keep the tape from rolling. When the pushbutton switch is pressed, the relay is closed, the recorder begins rolling, and audio from the tape triggers the XOY. The XOY-controlled relay in series with the other set of points on our added relay, latches this second relay. When a pause in information occurs on the tape, the delay causes the VOX to drop out, our added relay opens, and the tape is stopped ready to supply another CQ when the pushbutton switch is pushed again. Control of the tape recorder is identical for either phone or CW.

I used this system for FD this year (mobile from the Keys) with a Panasonic recorder and saved my fist a few blisters plus making about 5700 points.

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FOR SALE: From the Estate of Carmen Johnson K4YAZ: Drake 2B, \$150.00; RT-37 Xmtr \$200.00; Microphone, was \$18 - \$10.00. Heathkit Q multiplier (never used) \$8.00. Mrs. Carmen Johnson, 2542 Sunset Drive, Kissimmee, Fla. 32741, Phone 847-6758.

FOR SALE: 48 foot tower, heavy duty aluminum, 8-ft. sections, crank-up tilt-over, rotator, coax, etc. \$100.00. John De Mouglin K4IVB, Iowa Ave., Grove City, Englewood, Fla. Phone MY 7-3231.

FOR SALE: Drake 2-C with crystal calibrator and 2-BQ Q multiplier. Mint condition. All for \$175.00. Doug Newman, WB4LKF, 3934 Royal Palm Ave., Sarasota, Fla. 33580.

WANTED: PTO unit type 70H1 for Collins R-389 mechanical filters for 75A4. (.8kHz; 2.1 and 6kHz.) Fiberglass quad poles, cdr rotator (AR-22, TR-44, Ham-M.) Don Murray, K4FMA, 1780 N.E. 146th St., North Miami, Fla. 33161 Phone 947-7725.

WANTED: YOU, to attend the TAMPA HAMFEST, Lowry Park, Sligh Ave. and North Blvd., Tampa, Sunday October 12, 1969. Bring your lunch. Soft drinks available.

FOR SALE: VTVM, Eico model 249 (six inch scale) \$25.00. RTTY rec. converter with built-in 3 inch scope \$40.00. W. F. Franklin, W4KC, 2600 Florida Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla.

For Sale - from the estate of J. L. Ludwig, WA4DED - A heavy duty gas electric generator. Ideal for club activity on Field Day or for real emergencies. The generator is rated at 6.3 KVA, 52A at 120 V, 60 Hz. Hobart Model 2XB in good condition. On two wheel trailer. Complete control panel. For further information contact Bill Pendle, 1430 NE 21st Ave., Gainesville, Fla. 32601. Phone 904-376-2393.

SELL: NEW 4CX1000A \$75 6MTR FM Units \$30 each. 6V Alternator w/reg and rect \$45 All kinds of radio parts and tubes. Sell or Trade. WANT Toroid Cores, tower sections, typewriter. K4EHY Dan Franklin, 11150 58 St., Pinellas Park 33565.

WANTED: Fone ops to QMI QFN to pick up messages for SSB nets. Also CW ops volunteer for Liaison duty once each week to 4RN-RNS.



THE NEW SECRETARY of the South Miami RC (K4JVA) is George Henning, WB4JFA of South Miami. George likes his new SWAN equipment and works both c.w. and phone - at the same time. Keep up the good work, George. (SKIP photo)

FOR SALE: Complete station. Built in console on solid oak desk with 1/4 inch glass top. HEATH SB-200, WB-300, SB-400, SB-600, SB630, SB-610, HA-10 electronic keyer, 2M converter and etc. Antennas Hy-gain 402BA, TH-3, 8 element (2 mtr), towers and rotors. Write for price. George H. Reaves, WA4WBF, 118 North Lakeview, Winter Garden, Fla. 32787 Phone 656-4264.

FOR SALE: Eico 753 SSB scvr with HP-23 power supply, xtal cal. and mike \$125.00. Will trade for good ham band rcvr. Also have cdr rotor, silver and 3 element 6 meter cushioncraft beam. Ricky Masada, WA4WEB, 925 - 93rd Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33612 Phone 932-7718.

SELL OR TRADE: New 4CS1000A, \$87; 6 meter FM units RCA 110V and mobile CHEAP \$30 EACH; 6 volt alternator \$50; Novice XMTR HB \$25; RG-59; BATT trickle charger; HQ-110 HambandRX, \$97; WANTED Toroid Cores. Dan Franklin K4-EHY, 11150 58 St., Pinellas Park, FL 33565.

FOR SALE: Johnson Ranger, like new, very clean \$72.00. Vibroplex, "lightening" like new \$18.00. "On-The-Air" lighted sign 12L 4H 4D, 110v.a.c. comes on when transmitter goes on air. \$8.00. Heath Hi-Fi FM tuner, AJ-31 \$20.00. Heath B-1 Balun like new \$4.00. Scott SLR-F receiver 80 kc to 24.0 MHz, built like battle ship, completely overhauled \$50.00. Shure Bros. Mod. 405C mobile/fixed mike, like new \$10.00. HARVEL-Wells, DeLuxe TBS 40D with Harvel-Wells power supply, 3.5 to 148.0 mc. \$35.00. Andy Clark W4IYT, 41 Lenape Dr., Miami Springs, Fla. 33166 Phone 888-3874.

FOR SALE: Drake TR-4, AC-3, MS-4 for \$480. Drake 2B, 2BQ for \$220. Drake DC-3 mobile power supply \$80. Doc Mock, W4RHD, 7525 SW 134 St. Miami, FL. Phone 238-8824.

May and June 1916 QST's wanted. Price no object. Or will swap even for full coverage SP500 JX receiver in mint condition. Ted Dames, W2-KUW, 308 Hickory Street, Arlington, N.J. 07032.

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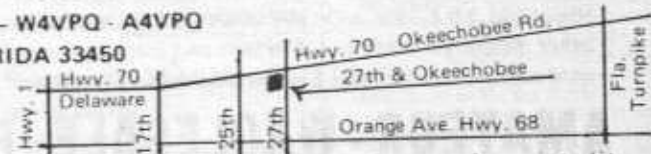
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OPERATING FROM K4IA/KC4 NAVASSA island are (left to right): K4CAH and WA4HTR on SSB under a visqueen shelter.

(Official NAVASSA photo)

LETTERS

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Skip has stirred up the embers of disgust which have been present in my bosom for many years.

In January, at the ARRL convention held in Miami, this subject was discussed at some length. At that time I expressed my feeling that we as Amateur Radio Operators, duly licensed by the Federal Government, should make a move then to have Congress enact law which would deal with TVI complaints. The effect of this law would stipulate that when such a complaint was received by FCC, a Federal Agency, they would thereupon conduct an investigation. If it was determined that the Ham rig was at fault, the licensee would be ordered to take corrective action. When such action was reported by the licensee, FCC would reinspect the rig. If upon initial inspection or upon reinspection it was determined that the rig was "clean" and the TVI was due to faulty or inferior design of the television set, the Ham would thereupon be void of liability and therefore not subject to suit.

Upon completion of my little speech there seemed to be widespread agreement of those in attendance with the exception of the ARRL representatives who indicated that such a law could surely never be enacted. Well, I was put down, but as by no means out.

If you would care to stick your neck out a little by assisting me, I would like to know how many of your readers would be willing to affix their names to a petition as suggested above. If there is favorable response, I will contact a lawyer and have a petition drawn up which will be circulated for signatures. When sufficient signatures are obtained, I will submit it to Congress for consideration.

Of course, this will be done by me as an individual and not as the official office of Director. Responses may be mailed to my office. Address appears below.

Best personal regards,
E. F. Leafly
Department of the Navy
Director,
Sixty Navy MARS Dist.
U.S. Naval Base - Bldg.
RTC-1
Charleston, S.C. 29408

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CLEARWATER AREA

All amateurs in the Clearwater area are invited to attend the Clearwater Amateur Radio Society meeting, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Florida Power Co. building on Palmetto Street in Clearwater at 8 p.m. For more details contact Mrs. Robinson, 551 Lyndhurst St., Dunedin, Fla. 33528.

CODE PRACTICE

For those of you who are up and around at 9 a.m. and desire a lil good code practice tune in on WIAW 7020 or 14,020 kHz, Monday thru Friday. On Mon. Wed. and Fri. the speeds are from 5 to 25 w.p.m. On Tues. and Thursday it goes from 35 to 15 w.p.m. in 5 minute periods. You will find much less QRM during this time of the morning than on their night skeds. XYL's - here is your chance to surprise your OM by getting your code speed up without him knowing it.

COMING EVENTS

Each month SKIP hopes to print all upcoming events statewide. Have you sent in yours?

Aug. 22-23-24 Ham Camporee, River View, Fla.
Sept. 13 Platinum Coast ARS Hamfest
Oct. 12 Tampa Hamfest

Suwannee River Raft Race

H. G. Parker, W4YNM

The Suwannee River Raft Race for the Boy Scouts of America provided the Columbia Amateur Radio Society with the proving grounds to test their emergency communication capability.

At the first camp site on Saturday night the emergency team set up amateur radio equipment and provided both local radio stations, WDSR and WGRO, with direct communication links.

This is the first time that direct radio communications has been set up during the raft race. It is a first for the CARS and they should be commended for their efforts.

To further test their capability, a second transmission was set up on Tuesday night at Pine Landing. This involved transporting emergency radio equipment to the site, rigging antennas, and establishing a direct

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at least one large fish caught by Herb, W4KET. Ruins of several old buildings and other structures dot the island. The weather in June was clear, dry, and warm with a nice breeze much of the time.

Plans are already under way for a new trip to another remote island. DX expedition fever is a fiendish disease afflicting many amateurs, and despite the costs and hardships, it appears to be incurable.

SILENT KEY

We are deeply sorry to report the passing of the following Florida amateurs:

W4AZK, David Traer, Naples, Fla.
K4ELN, Joe Patrick, Tavenier, Fla.
W4RLQ, Robert L. Buyea, Coral Gables, Fla.
W6ZH, Herbert Hoover, Jr., Los Angeles, CA/Miami Beach, Fla.

ANOTHER HAM MARRIAGE

We received word the other day that Unison Bailey WA4NNB married Barbara Snider ex-WN4ZCK in June. WA4LBM was best man and one of the ushers was Tracy K4UVZ. On guard was Gus, K4ZIF and Lucky WA4LKY.

(From WA4LBM)

link to Lake City for the report of progress on the Raft Race.

Both nights the transmissions were successful and this can be attributed to the technical skill of the amateur radio operators of Lake City who devote their spare time to community service.

Due to the success of operations this year, it is expected that CARS will provide continuous communications down river during the Suwannee River Raft Race.



Citrus Chapter

The Charter Meeting of the Central Fla. Chapter, now the Citrus Chapter of the QCWA, was held as scheduled at the Bit-O-Sweden Restaurant in Orlando 28 June. Even with the interference from hot weather, Field Day and vacations, we had 17 bonafide members present to help us resolve the many details facing a new chapter.

The name of the chapter was unanimously changed from Central Fla. to Citrus Chapter, appropriately describing our geographical location right in the middle of the Citrus belt of Florida.

To avoid any licensing difficulties in November and establish a frequency for our net well in advance, we have chosen the frequency of 7263Kc as the permanent frequency of our net meeting at 1 PM edt on Saturdays. All QCWA members, whether members of Citrus chapter or not, are invited to join us and give us the benefit of your humor and experience. This is to remind all who have been meeting with us in the past on 7240Kc that we are now on 7263Kc.

Our lapel pins have been ordered, you will see and know the members of Citrus Chapter by the Orange Colored lapel pin bearing the name, call and chapter name. Our second meeting, to be announced later will be in September.

Bill Waldo-W4PI-Sec'y.